

REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL-SEPTEMBER 13, 2004

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:32 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Blair, Clouette, Hawkins, Paterson, Paulhus

Absent: Haddad, Koehn, Redding, Schaefer

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Blair moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to adopt the minutes of August 9, 2004 as presented.

So passed unanimously.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

The following residents of Holinko Estates spoke to the Town Council on the many problems they were having with the parties held at Carriage House apartments. These weekend, all night parties, are leaving the residents with trash, property damage and concerns for their own well-being.

Mr. Tyler Morgan spoke on the parking issue. The students are parking in all the assigned places and all over the property. When their cars are towed the students become verbally abusive and often did damage to the property.

Mr. Kyunghoon Lee was attempting to ask the students not to park in the area of the apartments when he was hit by one car. He told the UConn police and the State police about the incident but nothing has happened.

Ms. Clemente Quinones said that her back window of her car was broken.

Kreeta Knapp said she had lived there for 13 years. She has never seen the parties as bad as they have been the past three weekends. Although the housing authority has issued passes for residents to get into their complex the numbers of students are so great that they can't park anywhere. There is so much trash and broken bottles that children may be hurt. The road itself is unsafe as residents attempt to get to their complex.

Carlos Jurado asked for clarification on who or which police force to contact with problems. The trash and littering has gotten out of hand.

Judith Hamilton has lived in the complex for 12-13 years. This year has been very bad. She has two children and a husband who works at night. She does not feel safe at night.

Melissa Doten fears for her husband's safety, as he is the maintenance man.

Maria DeMesa spoke on the dangers of the trash and broken glass, the loud noise and verbal yelling.

Mark Knapp spoke about the trash and noise. He had his wallet and other items stolen from his car.

Xyinting Wang, left a note on the car of the person who parked in his allocated spot, but they did not move it. He tries to be nice, as he does not want damage to be done to the property. However intoxicated students can be both verbally and physically abusive.

Rosa Diaz saw a bike vandalized and then thrown against her parked car.

Sgt. Sean Cox, Mansfield resident trooper told the group that they were doing their best with limited troop power. It is difficult to contain or to move 3,500 plus students.

Azizun Nessa said that her husband tried to talk with the students but they would not listen and attempted to run him over. Party nights are very scary.

The Mayor said that the Town has been doing everything they can to diminish the party problem off campus. The University Student Conduct now applies to off campus students. However there is just so much the town can do. The complex is on private property. She agreed that this situation does nothing to enhance the quality of life in Mansfield. She will continue to work with the Town Manager, the police and the University to get this situation under control.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Issues Regarding the UConn Landfill Including the UConn Consent Order, Public Participation Relative to the consent Order and Well Testing.

No action taken.

2. University Spring Weekend and Campus/Community Relations

No action taken.

V. NEW BUSINESS

3. Financial Statements Dated June 30, 2004

Mr. Clouette moved and Ms. Blair seconded to refer this to the Finance Committee.

So passed unanimously.

4. Historic Documents Preservation Grant

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to adopt the following resolution:

Resolved, effective September 13, 2004, that Martin H. Berliner, Town Manager, is empowered to execute and to deliver in the name of and on behalf of this municipality, an application and a contract with the State Library for a Historic Document Preservation Grant.

So passed unanimously.

5. NECASA grant Program to Support the Activities of Local Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Abuse Prevention Councils.

Mr. Hawkins moved that effective September 13, 2004, to authorize the Town Manager to submit the attached application to the Northeast Communities Against Substance Abuse, Inc. requesting \$3,300 in grant funding to support the activities of Mansfield's local alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse prevention council. Seconded by Ms. Blair.

So passed unanimously.

6. Windham Region Council of Governments Regional Transportation Plan Update

Ms. Blair moved that effective September 13, 2004, to authorize the Town Planner to submit to the Windham Region Council of Governments the attached recommendations for revisions to the Regional Transportation Plan. Seconded by Mr. Paulhus.

So passed unanimously.

7. Connecticut Conference of Municipalities' 2005 Legislative Program.

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded that effective September 13, 2004, to authorize the Town manager to present staff's recommendations to the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities for inclusion in its 2005 Legislative Program, which would include, under Public Safety, two additional recommendations on funding for regional Fire Schools.

So passed unanimously.

8. An Ordinance Regarding the Exemption of Property leased to Charitable, Religious or Nonprofit Organizations

Mr. Clouette moved and Ms. Blair seconded to schedule a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. at the regular meeting on September 27, 2004, to solicit public comment regarding the Ordinance.

So passed unanimously.

9. Amendment to an Ordinance Regulating the Possession of Alcohol by Minors

Mr. Hawkins moved and Ms. Blair seconded to schedule a public hearing at 7:45 p.m. at the regular meeting on September 27, 2004, to solicit public comment regarding the amendment to the Ordinance.

So passed unanimously.

10. Budget Transfers 2003-2004

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to accept the budget transfers of 2003/04 as requested by the Finance Director.

So passed unanimously.

VI. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

None

VII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

IX. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

There is a Town/Gown meeting on Tuesday, September 14, 2004 at 4:00 p.m.

X. FUTURE AGENDAS

- XI. PETITIONS, REQUEST AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 11. Mansfield Police Department Press Release-Unsanctioned Events at Off-Campus Residences
- 12. D. Dagon re: OEMS Equipment Grant for Emergency Medical Services
- 13. Department of Public Works Press Release-Route 44 Bikeway to Begin Construction
- 14. Planning and Zoning commission Application Referral-Four Lot Subdivision Along Cedar Swamp Road/Old Tolland Turnpike
- 15. Aquifer Protection Regulations
- 16. Environmental Impact Evaluation
- 17. 2004 Mansfield Recycling Brochure (enclosed)
- 18. "Celebrate Mansfield" Saturday, September 18, 2004.
- 19. Apartments & Condominiums in the Windham Region 2004/05 Edition
- 20. Mansfield Parks and Recreation-Fall 2004 Brochure (enclosed)
- 21. Mansfield Community Center News-Summer 2004(enclosed)

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Not needed.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:38 p.m. Ms. Blair moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to adjourn the meeting.

So passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk

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